

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) ~~consists of~~ is (b-1) caffeic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The food or beverage of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 6, wherein (b) ~~is (b-2) the chlorogenic acid is a compound~~ is (b-2) a compound selected from the group consisting of: neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid.

5. (Currently Amended) The food or beverage of Claim 6, wherein (b) ~~comprises is (b-3) caffeic acid and a chlorogenic acid~~ comprises is (b-3) caffeic acid and a compound selected from the group consisting of neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A food or beverage comprising:

(a) ferulic acid or an ester thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and

(b) one or more compounds or combination thereof as defined in (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3):

(b-1) caffeic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

(b-2) a compound selected from the group consisting of chlorogenic acid neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, or

(b-3) caffeic acid and a compound selected from the group consisting of neochlorogenic acid, an isochlorogenic acid, 3,5-dicaffeoylquinic acid, cryptochlorogenic acid and 5-caffeoylquinic acid, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein said food or beverage is selected from the group consisting of a milk product, a cereal or pasta product, a soy product, a rice product, a wheat flour product, an oil or fat-containing food, a condiment, a semisolid food, a sauce, a soup, ~~coffee, decaffeinated coffee,~~ tea, decaffeinated tea, a herbal tea or infusion, a chocolate product, a beverage containing alcohol, a fruit or vegetable juice and a soft drink.

7. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the food or beverage of Claim 6 to a subject in need thereof.

12. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

13. (Original) The process of Claim 11, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

14. – 23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A process for treating hypertension or high blood pressure comprising: administering an effective dose of the supplement of Claim 8 to a subject in need thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 24, wherein systolic blood pressure is reduced.

26. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 24, wherein diastolic blood pressure is reduced.

27. – 29. (Canceled)

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 7, 9, 10, and 17-19 were previously canceled.

Claims 3, 8, 14-16, 20-23, and 27-29 are canceled herein.

Claims 2 and 4-6 have been amended.

Support for the amendment of Claims 2 and 4-6 is provided by original Claims 1-6.

No new matter has been added by the present amendments.